

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Weather and Floods
FEMA-DR-1655-VA)
STATE SITUATION REPORT # 21
1400 Hours 4 August 2006**

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(New Information in Bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are currently being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth resulting from the substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 23 Jun-6 Jul 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations: Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. **VDEM staff meetings will be conducted on M & Th of each week at 0830 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Situation Reports will be issued M & Th of next week.**

State of Emergency and Executive Order: Through an Executive Order, Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006 and nine jurisdictions eligible for the Public Assistance Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, four additional counties were approved by FEMA on 26 July 2006 and two counties were approved by FEMA letter on 3 August 2006 as also eligible for the Public Assistance Program. Current eligible 15 jurisdictions (one city and 14 counties):

Alleghany	Floyd	Alexandria (City of)
Bath	Henry	Arlington
Botetourt	Highland	Fairfax
Craig	Mecklenburg	King George
Dickenson	Rockbridge	Rappahannock

The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006. The letter also denied the Commonwealth's request for implementation of both the Individual Assistance Program and the Public Assistance Program for the City of Salem, VA. **The Governor intends to appeal the denial for the Individual Assistance Program.**

WEATHER

Forecast: **Four-day forecast (F-Sa-Su-M: 4-7 Aug 2006):** Chance of showers and thunderstorms today with a chance of precipitation 40%. Heat index values as high as 105. Saturday and Sunday will be partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Chance of precipitation 30% each day and a high around 87. Tropical Storm Chris has weakened to a tropical

depression. Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 35 MPH. The possibility remains for Chris to regain tropical storm status.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison:

Currently, the 15 affected jurisdictions are represented by 58 legislators. All have been informed of declaration status. Contact the JFO-Legislative Liaison, Mr. Art Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov) for clarifications.

State legislators were informed that the request for inclusion of the Individual Assistance Program was not approved.

Public Information Office (PIO): Media material to promote the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is under development.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation:

Virginia Department of Transportation: **VDOT website continues to report** no primary roads and two secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is late August.

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

Locality (37 each)	Private (18 each)	Public* (34 each)
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

Applicants' Briefings Conducted:

1. When: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 (1330 hours)
Where: State Police Academy, Richmond, VA
Total attendance: 20 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
2. When: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Alternate EOC, Fairfax Government Center, Fairfax, VA
Total attendance: 71 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
3. **When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1100 hours)**
Where: State High School Auditorium, 400 Spartan Drive, Salem, VA
Total attendance: 25 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies, + Counties of Alleghany, Dickenson, Henry, and Rockbridge).

Kick-off Meetings Conducted:

1. When: Fri, 28 Jul 2006
Where: Chantilly, VA (Fairfax VDOT Area Maintenance Office)
(FEMA, VDEM, + VDOT)
2. When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Alexandria, VA
Attendees: Total-25 (FEMA-2, VDEM-4, + City of Alexandria-19)
Comment: City documentation should be completed by 18 Aug.

3. When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Fancy Hill, VA (I-81, Exit 180, VDOT Area HQ)
Attendees: Total-24 (FEMA-2, VDEM-2, + VDOT-20)
4. **When: Wed, 2 Aug 2006 (1400 hours)**
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: Total-16 (FEMA-2 VDEM-4+ Fairfax County Schools-10)
5. **When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)**
Where: King George, VA
Attendees: Total-5 (FEMA, VDEM, +VDOT + Prince George County)
6. **When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1200 hours, after Applicants' Briefing)**
Where: Salem, VA
Attendees: Total-5 (FEMA, VDEM, +VDOT-Dickenson County)

Kick-off Meetings Scheduled:

1. When: Mon, 7 Aug 2006 (1000 hours) **(Rescheduled from 1 Aug)**
Where: Arlington, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Arlington County)
2. When: Mon, 7 Aug 2006 (1430 hours) **(Rescheduled from 2 Aug)**
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County)

FEMA, state, and local government officials are participating in ongoing Kick-off meetings in affected jurisdictions.

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) was launched on the VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com on 28 July 2006. The first section, Public Assistance Program, provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents.

The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance for FEMA-1655-DR is COB of the following dates:

Initial 9 declared jurisdictions:	Sun	13 Aug 2006
Amended 4 jurisdictions:	Sat	26 Aug 2006
Amended 2 jurisdictions:	Sat	2 Sep 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Ellington. The JFO address is :

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Individual Assistance:

The severity and magnitude of damage to the private sector was not sufficient to warrant Individual Assistance under the declaration. The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006.

Mitigation:

State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is working with several communities regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training, compliance, and enforcement.

Mitigation Training Courses Scheduled:

1. **Course: Managing Development through the NFIP**
When: 21-24 Aug 2006
Where: Richmond, VA
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM
2. **Course: Managing Development through the NFIP**
When: 11-14 Sep 2006
Where: Roanoke, VA
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM
3. **Course: Retrofit of Residential Floodprone Structures**
When: 25-28 Sep 2006
Where: Richmond, VA
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM

The Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is currently under review by the VDEM Preparedness, Training, and Exercises (PT&E) Office.

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:

1. **When: Tue, 15 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)**
Where: Roanoke County, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
2. **When: Wed, 16 Aug, 2006 (1000-1200 hours)**
Where: Lexington, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
3. **When: Thu, 17 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)**
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

A Hurricane Preparedness Planning meeting was conducted at the JFO on Wed 26 Jul 2006. **Continued FEMA-VDEM planning sessions are ongoing with the Special Assistant to the FCO, Robert Gunter, and VDEM planning/operations staff at Trade Court and the VDEM EOC.**

ESF 7 – Resource

VDEM JFO staffing plan is complete and is being placed on the VDEM “common drive.” The VDEM-JFO Staffing Plan extends through the Labor Day week (8 Sep 2006). Updated versions will be published periodically.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit:

Current VDEM JFO / field staffing is **43 (including 8 contractor personnel).**

Administration Unit:

Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) began Monday, 24 July 2006 and continues daily.

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